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Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; revised draft resolution

Bilateral nuclear-arms negotiations

The General Assembly,

Recalling that at their meeting at Geneva in November 1985 the leaders of the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics committed themselves to the objective of working out effective agreements aimed at preventing an arms race in space and terminating it on Earth, 1/

Noting that in their joint statement of 8 January 1985 the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics agreed that the subject of the negotiations was a complex of questions concerning space and nuclear arms, both strategic and intermediate-range, with all these questions considered and resolved in their interrelationship, 2/

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1/ A/40/1070, annex.

2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/40/27 and Corr.1), appendix II (CD/642/Appendix II/Vol. II), documents CD/570 and CD/571.

Noting with satisfaction that the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics have reached an agreement on the total elimination of their intermediate-range and shorter-range missiles,

Noting also with satisfaction the agreement of the two Governments that a similarly intensive effort will be made to achieve a treaty on a fifty per cent reduction in their strategic offensive arms within the framework of the Geneva nuclear and space talks,

Noting further with satisfaction that, at their forthcoming meeting, the leaders of the two countries will consider thoroughly the development of instructions to delegations on a future treaty on a fifty per cent reduction in United States and Soviet strategic offensive arms and on the observance of and nonwithdrawal from the ABM treaty for an agreed period,

Believing that, through negotiations pursued in a spirit of flexibility and with full account taken of the security interests of all States, it is possible to achieve far-reaching and effectively verifiable agreements,

Firmly convinced that an early agreement in these negotiations, in accordance with the principle of undiminished security at the lowest possible level of armaments, would be of crucial importance for the strengthening of international peace and security,

Further convinced that the international community should encourage the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in their endeavours, taking into account both the importance and complexity of their negotiations,

1. Welcomes the agreement between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to conclude a treaty eliminating their intermediate-range and shorter-range missiles;

2. Notes with satisfaction that President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev have agreed to meet in the United States beginning on 7 December 1987, and that a further meeting in the Soviet Union is envisioned between them in the first half of 1988;

3. Calls upon the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to spare no effort in seeking the attainment of all their agreed objectives in the negotiations, in accordance with the security interests of all States and the universal desire for progress towards disarmament, in particular early achievement of a treaty implementing the agreement to reduce strategic offensive arms by fifty per cent, which could be signed during President Reagan's visit to Moscow;

4. Invites the two Governments concerned to keep other States Members of the United Nations duly informed of progress in those negotiations between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, in accordance with paragraph 114 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 3/ the first special session devoted to disarmament;

5. Expresses its firmest possible encouragement and support for the bilateral negotiations and their successful conclusion.
